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SUBJECT: CCMS: AIR POLLUTION WORKING GROUP MEETING IN
FRANKFURT, MAY 24-25

1. IN DISCUSSIONS AT OTTAWA PLENARY BETWEEN DR. JONES AND
EDGEWORTH (DOE, CANADA) REGARDING CANADIAN PARTICIPATION IN
CCMS, EDGEWORTH STATED THAT HE WOULD NAME A CONTACT FOR
THE GOC PARTICIPATION IN VARIOUS CCMS ACTIVITIES. WITH
RESPECT TO AIR POLLUTION PILOT STUDY, DR. JONES BELIEVES
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THAT FORTHCOMING WORKING GROUP MEETING WOULD BE THE MOST APPROPRIATE MEETING FOR A CANADIAN REP INITIALLY TO ATTEND AND FAMILIARIZE HIMSELF WITH ALL ASPECTS OF PILOT STUDY AND DR. JONES WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND PERSONAL INVITATION.

2. REQUEST EMBASSY PASS ON FOLLOWING INFORMATION CONCERNING MEETING. AGENDA HAS NOT BEEN FINALIZED BUT WILL INCLUDE FINAL REPORT ON ST. LOUIS STUDY, FRANKFURT ASSESSMENT REPORTS AND PROBABLY REPORTS ON STUDIES IN OSLO, ROTTERDAM, MILAN AND TURIN. ADDITIONALLY THE WORKING GROUP WILL REVIEW PROGRESS OF ALL ASPECTS OF THE STUDY AND PLAD. NOR IS THERE ANY EVIDENCE OF CREATION OF NEW SOVIET WEAPONS DEPOTS IN EAST GERMANY, POLAND, AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA WHICH WOULD STORE EQUIPMENT FOR ADDITIONAL DIVISIONS.

2. THERE HAVE, OF COURSE, BEEN SOVIET FORCE IMPROVEMENTS AND SOME OF THESE MAY HAVE BEEN THE BASIS FOR SOME OF THE SPECIFICS MENTIONED IN THE RECURRENT RUMORS. FOR INSTANCE:

-- AN INCREASE FROM THREE TO FOUR IN THE NUMBER OF FROG TACTICAL LAUNCHERS PER BATTALION AND AN INCREASE IN THE PROVISION OF CANNON TO SOVIET FORCES IN EASTERN EUROPE HAS BEEN IN EVIDENCE FOR SEVERAL YEARS.

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-- SO, TOO, HAVE IMPROVEMENTS IN AIR DEFENSE OF THE GROUND FORCES WHICH HAVE INCLUDED THE INTRODUCTION IN RECENT YEARS OF NEWER, MOBILE SAMS.

-- US INTELLIGENCE HAS BEEN CONDUCTING A RE-EVALUATION OF SOVIET TANK HOLDINGS IN EASTERN EUROPE WHICH HAVE BEEN INCREASED. THIS INCREASE RAISES OUR EARLIER ESTIMATES BY ABOUT TEN PERCENT -- I. E., CONSIDERABLY LESS THAN THE FIGURE CITED BY THE ITALIAN REPORT.

-- THERE HAVE BEEN FAIRLY EXTENSIVE IMPROVEMENTS OF GARRISON FACILITIES IN THE GDR AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND TO A LESSER EXTENT IN POLAND AND HUNGARY. THIS ACTIVITY MAY HAVE TRIGGERED RUMORS OF LARGE INCREASES IN PERSONNEL.

3. NONE OF THESE FORCE IMPROVEMENTS APPEAR TO BE DIRECTLY RELATED TO MBFR. HAVING BEEN UNDER WAY FOR SOME TIME, THEY ARE MUCH MORE GRADUAL THAN RUMORS HAVE SUGGESTED. THEY DO NOT APPEAR TO BE CONTRIVED FOR MBFR PURPOSES. ROGERS

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